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1. Upon order of Colonel A. I. Tulpanov, Germans employed in confidential positions by the SMA in Karlsborst are now given indoctrination lectures by Major Martens of the SMA school in Königswusterhausen, who has chosen as his subjects the Russian economic and legal systems. During one such lecture Martens stated that Russia may make certain concessions to the Western powers at the London Conference of Foreign Ministers in order to regain political ground lost through the influence of anti-Soviet propaganda. Nevertheless, Russia will firmly oppose the plundering of the Ruhr area by England and the United States and will take an adamant stand against their exploitation of the Balkans.
2. Martens went on to say that Russia would not be opposed to the re-establishment of a regular German army, provided that it be well instructed politically and subject to reliable leadership. In fact, German "political brigades" or "freedom armies" may be formed in the not too distant future. While discussing this subject, Martens remarked that the League of German Officers (Bund deutscher Offiziere) has a corresponding organization of enlisted men in Russia, who receive treatment equal to that accorded the best units of the Russian army.
3. It is planned, according to Major Martens, to extend the "Cominform" to Germany, but this development is still in its infancy. Furthermore, "political observers" are to be introduced, in order to establish a broader basis for the teaching of political objectives; and the persons attending the present course of lectures have been chosen for this function.

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